



*Histon
Road
1963*

246.36

c.44.6: Histon Road area

*Includes Akeman Street, Brierley Road, Brownlow Road, Carisbrooke Road, Darwin Drive, Gilbert Road, Tavistock Road, Warwick Road, Windsor Road,
See also Huntington Road area, Milton Road area*

1900

1909 07 02

Harry Johnson, senior partner of the St Andrew's Street firm of newsagents, was endowed with gentle courtesy and had not the personality which enters upon public contests with joy. He was a member of the Free Library Committee from 1875 and supported the Liberal Club, Young Men's Christian Association and the Peace and Arbitration Society. He was one of the earliest directors of the General (Histon Road) Cemetery Committee and treasurer of the Cambridge Esperanto Society. A large number of townspeople attended his funeral, anxious to pay their respects. CWN 09 07 02

1910

1914 04 03

Departure of Mr. J. E. Pullen. - Many will read with regret of the pending departure of Mr. F. J. E. Pullen, of "Roseneath," Histon Road. He is engineer at the Cambridge Prison, and has been promoted to Leicester Gaol in the same capacity, the Cambridge Prison losing one of its prominent officers through his appointment. 14 04 03

1914 06 20

The Storms. During the past week Cambridge has been visited by two severe thunderstorms. On Friday the lightning was very vivid at times, and following one vivid flash, a horse, belonging to Mr. Lander, Merton Cottage, Grantchester, fell down on the Mill Road and expired. The animal had been killed by the lightning. Another storm burst over the town on Sunday afternoon and although of short duration, was very sharp while it lasted. Some hours before the storm burst the sky had been overcast. About 2 o'clock several heavy claps of thunder were heard, and rain began to descend in torrents. In places large hall-stones fell. Vivid flashes of forked lightning preceded each crash of thunder. A house in Histon Road was struck, damage being done to a chimney. Two ladies, Mrs. Lumb and her daughter, who were standing opposite, received a bad shock, the elder lady being knocked down and rendered unconscious. Another flash appears to have struck the Queen's Arms public house in Histon Road. Two chimneys were damaged and a signboard destroyed. Several things inside the house were

destroyed, including a looking glass, which, although thrown several feet away, remained intact. There were many instances of basements being flooded. The storm was all over in half an hour, and the remainder of the day was fine. –14 06 26

1915 05 14

Pte Charles Butler, of Histon Road, dies of wounds – photo – 15 05 14b

1917 05 02

Unusual Accident. An extraordinary accident occurred at the top of Victoria Road and Histon Road on Friday afternoon. A horse belonging to Mr. Edward Bolton, attached to a Corporation water-cart, which was about to flush a sewer, suddenly backed, its off hind leg going down the manhole. Assistance was soon forthcoming, and the harness was removed from the animal. With the aid of some poles and a rein, which had been buckled around the leg, the horse was raised from its unfortunate position after several attempts. Luckily, the animal was apparently none the worse for its adventure.

1920

1920 03 24

Land Divided.—The land on Histon Road recently acquired by the Chesterton Allotments Society has been divided amongst 200 new members,

1925 11 04

Sir – if all the grumblers would combine to get the custodian of the Histon Road cemetery, Cambridge, a better wage they would do some real good. Each man begins cheerfully and willingly, but how can he be expected to keep a good heart and pay for auxiliary labour out of a 25s. wage. Every man who had taken the job has gone out owning himself beaten by a starvation wage. I heard one say he had to buy his own grass-cutting machine and bedding-out plants. Even with a house thrown in the job appears to be more a ‘man-trap’ than cemetery. – ‘Anti-Fat’

1926 08 21

Sir – A steam driven lorry was proceeding along Histon Road, Cambridge, when suddenly the covering over the goods was blazing on top, as a result of a hot cinder being thrown up from the fire of the engine. This happened right outside one of the long-since obsolete hand manual lock-up sub fire stations. It would be of enormous advantage if they contained something more effective such as buckets of sand, hand patent chemical appliances, a hatchet or two, a crowbar and a couple of extending ladders and if the key might be procured from an obliging near-by resident – A. Burlton

1929 07 19

Purchasing land between Histon Road and Frenches Road – Victoria Road – discussed, p8 1930 07 25
Cambridge councillors have received consent for a new road from Milton Road to Histon Road at a cost of £18,135. St John’s College would give the land which was required for housing purposes, it would be one of the best estates and the frontages would sell at very high price. Grants have been received for King’s Hedges and Green End Road as part of the unemployment scheme with one-third of the labour being imported from the distressed areas. 30 07 25d

1930

1931 06 12

The new road under construction between Milton and Histon Roads provides some exceptionally attractive sites for those wishing to erect a private house. It has much to recommend it as Chesterton is a very popular district but most of the available land within a reasonable distance of town has already been taken up. The plots are for the erection of private dwellings only and no bungalows or inadequate houses can be erected. 31 06 12k

1932 06 18

The Stokesay Laundry of Histon Road is a happy hive of industry where women and girls work under ideal conditions in a healthy atmosphere. They have installed a wonderful ironing machine which is the last word in efficiency. The extensive drying grounds in a very large garden ensure final cleanliness and sweetness. 32 06 18 & 18a

1932 07 08

The publican of the Prince of Wales, Histon Road, Cambridge became licensee in May 1914. His wife ran it while he served in the army during the war and afterwards he made 25 per cent profit on beer and a third on spirits. But his furniture was not very good and there was no inducement for people to come there. There were four other pubs in the locality and he lost trade when the depression set in. 32 07 08b

1932 09 09

New estate linking Histon Road with St Luke's estate – photo – 32 09 09c

1933 01 19

Some of the buildings erected during 1932 in Cambridge and district by Kidman and Sons Ltd, Abbey Walk. 'The British Queen', Histon Road, Sedley Taylor School, Cambridge Co-operative Society cooked meat factory and milk depot, St Paul's church hall in Suez Road and Spicer's Cinema, Sawston (Full page advertisement with photos). 33 01 19 a & b

1935 05 11

The new West Chesterton children's playground off Histon Road was opened by the Mayor and hundreds of youngsters thronged the ground for the occasion. Since it was bought as an orchard three years ago an immense amount of work had been necessary. It was not complete and they were hoping for swings and perhaps a roundabout later. It is primarily intended for younger children and not for the playing of hard-ball games such as cricket but old and middle-aged people could also enjoy the ground for sitting about. 35 05 11b

1935 05 14

Cambridge General Cemetery Company asked that the Corporation take over control of the Histon Road Burial Ground which was established nearly 100 years ago by a private company. There are still a number of private grave spaces available for burials and it would be in the public interest. This was agreed 35 05 14

1935 09 26

New estates – Storeys Way & Gilbert Road – 35 09 26a

1935 10 25

The new Senior School off Gilbert Road, Chesterton contains separate departments for senior boys and girls, each with its own assembly hall fitted with a stage and cinema projection room. The boys department has science laboratory and woodwork and metalwork rooms while the girls' includes provision for cookery, laundry and dressmaking. A changing room, fitted with shower baths, has been included in connection with organised games. 35 10 25a

1936 01 29

Arrangements have been made with the Cambridge General Cemetery Company for the Histon Road Cemetery to be transferred to the Borough Council as from February. The cottage, chapel and old mortuary required considerable repairs, the paths regravelled and the grounds cleared up. The cottage should be made habitable for a man to live there and have general charge of the ground, a report recommended. 36 01 29a

1936 12 10

Murkett Brothers, automobile engineers, who have large garages in Huntingdon, Peterborough and Bedford, opened their new premises on the corner of Huntingdon & Histon Road in May 1931. Owing to the satisfactory service they have given business has developed to such an extent that an additional garage is shortly to be built. This will cater for commercial vehicles and heavy repairs, whilst the Huntingdon Road depot will be for new and second-hand cars, with light repairs and service facilities 36 12 10i

1937 08 04

Sir, as a former critic of Histon Road Cemetery may I now acknowledge the improvement which is so apparent, especially to the curator who had no easy task in taking over such a neglected place. However Alexandra Gardens in Carlyle Road is probably the worst kept of all the recreation grounds. The grass verges have been neither mown nor trimmed this year and no hoe has been used on the shrubbery border which is a mass of thistles and other weeds. It seems difficult to believe that no member of the Council ever pays a visit – ‘Observer’ 37 08 04

1937 11 04

Cambridge Co-operative Society’s new store on corner of Histon and Windsor Road serves the needs of this new and populous district. The attractive up-to-date building has been designed with a dignity worthy of its position; the elevations are faced with Portland Stone and multi-coloured red bricks, forming a frame for the blue and gold mosaic panels incorporating the Society’s name. The shop fronts are of bronze with oak entrance doors and polished granite stall board risers. The floor of the butchery shop is covered with marble mosaic and the grocery shop with rubber flooring 37 11 04a

1940

1940 08 26

Seaman Reginald Carter, Histon Road, kia – 40 08 26a

1941 02 07

Killed by enemy action. News has reached Cambridge that A/C George Pope, son of Mr. J. Pope, of 55 Gwydir Street, Cambridge, has been killed as the result of enemy action. A/C Pope, who was 29 years of age, had been employed by Mr. T. Freeman, plumbing and heating engineer, of Histon Road, Cambridge, and was very popular with all his workmates. He joined the Volunteer Air Reserve, and was called up for service at the beginning of the war. 41 02 07

1941 02 12

RAF bomber crashes on top houses in Histon Road, three aged women killed – Miss Catharine Allen, Mrs Ann Warland, Mrs Ada Sara Blackwell. A fourth, Mrs Mary Hewitt, taken to hospital. The plane caught the top of the houses, completely wrecking the top storey of the village, Afterwards it came to rest on a tennis court at the back of the houses. The crew were uninjured – 41 02 12a photo 41 02

13a. Inquest details – 41 02 14a

1941 12 12

Married 50 years – Many friends and neighbours will join in congratulating Mr & Mrs A.W. Cook of 70 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, who celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday. They were married in 1891 at St. Giles Church by the Rev. G. R. Christie, and had lived in the St. Giles district ever since. Mr. Cook was a well-known professional cricketer in Cambridge, and was, last year umpire for St. Giles' cricket team He was for some time a messenger at Trinity College, and, he later became a gyp at Magdalene, retiring at the age of 65. He is now 72 and his wife 71. She is obviously very proud of her eight children, and said of them that they had not caused her or her husband any trouble at any time Mr. and Mrs. Cooks first address was 95 Alpha Road. In 1899 they moved to 13 Histon Road, where they remained for 32 years moving thence to their present address in 1929. 41 12 12

1943 11 19

Guide Medal-Winner. Sixteen-year-Old Joan Phyllis Folkes, of 60 Windsor Road, Cambridge, has been awarded the Gilt Cross of the Girl Guides Association for bravery in rescuing 18-year-old Joyce Collis from the Hauxton Mill when they were on a camping holiday last Whitsun. It happened that there were several Girl Guides bathing at the time, but they were quite unaware that Joyce was in difficulties, Joan noticed that the other girl had already gone under twice, and quickly dived and got her out—Joan is a Patrol Leader of the Poppy Patrol in the 12th County School Company, and holds several proficiency badges, with service stars and a war service badge. 43 11 19

1945 05 11

VE celebrations –45 05 11a; Beaconsfield Hall children, Sturton St, Cowper Rd, Norwich St – 45 05 16; Perne Ave, Mowbray Road, Beche Rd, Norfolk St – 45 05 18; Hobart Rd, Bradmore St, Russell St – 45 05 19b; Young St, Gonville Road & Charles St, Cam Causeway, Gt Eastern St – 45 02 22a; Ditton Fields, Romsey Women Conservatives, Suez Rd, Covent Garden, Eden St – 45 05 23; York St, Thoday St, Kingston St, Northampton St, Cherry Hinton – 45 05 24; Hills Ave, City Rd, Cavendish Rd, Malta Rd – 45 05 25; Mowbray Rd, Willow Walk, Springfield Rd, Kelvin Close – 45 05 26b; New St, Chesterton High St – 45 05 28a; Cockburn St, Newnham Croft, Madras Rd, Henley Road & Coldham's Lane – 45 05 30; Barnwell, Wellington St, Fitzroy St, Devonshire Rd – 45 05 30b; children entertained Cherry Hinton, Fairfax Rd – 45 06 02; Vinery Rd, Eastfield – 45 06 04; Catherine St, Ditton Walk, Union Lane – 45 06 05; Gwydir St, Abbey (East) – 45 06 06; Meadowlands Estate, Argyle St, Hope St, De Freville Estate – 45 06 07; Ross St, Hemingford Rd, Green End Rd, Staffordshire St, Selwyn Rd, Coldham's Grove, Coldham's Lane, Akeman St – 45 06 11; Brooks Rd, Sedgwick St, Langham Rd, Oxford Rd, Haig Road, Chesterton – 45 06 13a; Windsor Rd, Stretton Ave, Kimberley Rd, Abbey Road, Walnut Tree Ave, Brookfields – 45 06 18; Trumpington, Mansfield Hall – 45 06 19; Cavendish Ave, Hinton Ave, Hope Hall for Deaf – 45 06 21a; Histon Rd children – 45 06 30; St Peter's St, Greens Rd – 45 07 10

1945 06 08

Distinguished Service. Captain Reginald Carter, R.A.O.C., husband of Mrs. R. Carter, of 28 Windsor Road, Cambridge, has been mentioned in despatches for "distinguished service." At the time of being mentioned, Capt. Carter was serving in Italy, where he still is 45 06 08

1945 08 29

VJ Parties – Eden St, Cherryhinton Rd, Chestnut Grove – 45 08 29; Queen Edith's Way, Ditton Fields – 45 09 04; Young St, Petworth St, Geldart St, Marshall Rd – 45 09 04; Darwin Drive, Stretton Ave, Victoria St, Hobart Rd, Adam & Eve St – 45 09 07b; Gloucester St, Castle St, Ashfield Rd – 45 09 10; Gilbert Rd, King's Hedges Rd, Ditton Fields – 45 09 11; Lichfield Rd, Cromwell Park estate, Hawthorn Rd – 45 09 12; Catharine St, Kendal Way – 45 09 14; York St & York Terrace, Brooks Road, Gold St – 45 09 17d# Bateson Rd, Garden Walk, Argyle St, St Philip's Rd, Sedgwick St, Holbrook Rd, Mowbray Rd – 45 09 18; Akeman St, James St, Parsonage St, Vinery Rd, Kingston St, Kingston St, Mowbray Rd, Hurst Park Estate – 45 09 20; Eastfield, New St, Kelvin Close – 45 09 24a; Hertford St, St John's Rd, Norwich St, Alpha Terrace, Sherlock Rd – 45 09 27a# c.45.7 Premier Travel take over services of F.E. Weeden of Chrishall – 45 08 30; Silverwood Close, Newmarket Road, Fallowfield, Fen Rd, Water St, Mowbray Rd – 45 10 04a; Cavendish Rd, Stourbridge Grove, Fulbourn Rd, Bradmore St, Petersfield, Gwydir St, Newnham Croft, Scotland Rd, Scotland Close – 45 10 08; Suez Rd, Hale Ave, Harvey Goodwin Ave, Glebe Rd, Radegund Rd, Golding Rd – 45 10 10; Selwyn Rd, Abbey Estate, De Freville Ave, Stanley Rd – 45 10 12a; Milton Rd, Thoday St – 45 10 18

1945 09 21

Tool Shed Fire. Fire broke out in a tool-shed at the rear of 37 Windsor Road, Cambridge, in the early hours of Saturday. The Cambridge Section of the N.F.S. received the call at 4 a.m. and, using the hose reel, had the outbreak under control in less than half an hour. The shed, which was used as a workshop, was only slightly damaged. The cause of the fire is not yet known 45 09 21

1945 09 28

First pre-fabricated houses on Histon Road site – 45 09 28

1947 09 01

A young couple paying 30s. rent for two rooms in Cambridge had their rent reduced to 19s. weekly at a sitting of the Rents Tribunal in the Guildhall. Appellant rented two rooms in Longview Terrace, Histon Road. She had the use of the kitchen and a gas stove, and the cost of electricity and gas was included in the rent. Because the bathroom was now used as a bedroom, she said, it was only possible to have a bath once every three weeks or a month - and then water had to be carried into the bathroom

1948 09 18

"I feel the club has served a very useful purpose. Even if it dies now, the effect will not die for many years. It has made Gilbert Road a sociable road. So said Mr D.I. Piggott (chairman) when announcing that the Gilbert Road Social Club, which was formed out of the friendships made at the VJ party at the end of the war is in the process of being wound up. The secretary said "We have 308 adult members, but the greater part of them do not come to any ordinary functions". The proposal to wind up the club was carried unanimously

1950

1951 01 23

Cambridge town planning committee say there can be no justification for a spine relief road between Histon Road corner and Jesus Lane merely to preserve for a few years more buildings on the west side of Magdalene Street which, although of some architectural interest, are sub-standard from every other point of view. Pending demolition the commercial use of the buildings should be terminated, doing away with the necessity for vehicles to wait outside

1951 03 14

Approval of the layout of the new housing estate between Gilbert Road and Arbury Road is to be recommended by Cambridge council. Sites are provided for three-storey flats, semi-detached and blocks of four houses, a church, community centre, shops, cinema, public house and a nursery school

1953 06 03

The special prize of £5 for the best decorated private house competition in Cambridge was won by Mrs M. O'Dell of Staffordshire Street who beat her nearest rival, Mr A.A. Cox of Victoria Road by one point. The standard was high and points awarded for each ward were very close. Winners included: Abbey Ward Mr R. Runham of Wellington Street; Castle: Miss J. Bowers, Windsor Road; Coleridge: Mr Blows, Cherryhinton Road; Cherry Hinton: Mr R. Abraham, Chalmers Road and Market Mr W.G.D. Clee of Union Road.

1959 02 27

Having completed their flat project at Applecourt on Newton Road, Span Developments have just announced several big redevelopment plans. One is a 15-story high tower block of flats in Hills Road where two Victorian houses have been demolished but the magnificent trees standing in their gardens are to be left undisturbed. Another is a complete new village planned for Histon Road. They are also negotiating a scheme for factory development which will bring more well-paid work to the Cambridge area. 59 02 27, 59 03 01 & 01a

1959 09 11

Barbara Smith, woman butcher, Akeman Street – 59 09 11

1959 11 26

Cambridge has a problem with smoky chimneys. Domestic smoke contains a high proportion of tar which sticks to everything it touches. The 'prefabs' at Church End, Cherry Hinton and Histon Road are a very bad example of the smoking low chimney. The 'cosy coal fire' is by no means as innocent outside the house as it looks to be inside the grate and the rights of the individual should not include

the right to choke his neighbour. Smoke Control Orders should be sought, the Public Health Inspector reported. 59 11 26a, b & c

1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings files from this date

1960

1960 09 09

McManus, the company that caused a stir when they agreed to pay £4,500 an acre for land have decided to put up terraced houses rather than the traditional semi-detached properties on their projected estate between Histon Road and Windsor Road. They call it an experiment in contemporary living that can accommodate the same number of families but with a greater amount of open space around the houses for children to play on. The houses are selling for nearly £2,400 60 09 09a

1963 04 04

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Histon Road – 63 04 04

1963 05 24

Mcmanus for value in Cambridge. The Chesterton Estate, Histon Road, offers spacious three-bedroom terrace houses with attractive tile-hung elevations and in-built fuel stores with a garage nearby if required, for £2,895. Detached two-bedroom bungalows, £3,395; semi-detached £2,695. A decorated show house is available for inspection fitted with central heating in the form of Sager Tangential Flow fan heaters. Maximum Mortgages available – Advert. 63 05 24a

1963 12 06

Standing on the old town boundary at Histon road, this house was for many years the last in Cambridge. Now it is scheduled for demolition. It was built in 1881 and at one stage was a Dr Barnardo's Home for Girls when a fire escape was installed. Not it is used as offices by Moore's of Cambridge Ltd, precision engineers 63 12 06h

1964 01 25

Many of the council houses built 30 years ago in Stretton Avenue, Darwin Drive and Scotland Road need modernisation: there is no hot water, the bath is in the scullery and they have only outside lavatories. They were becoming 'social slums' and attracting 'the least desirable of tenants' said councillors. But residents say they are like an old fashioned community: Mrs Evelyn Pigott, who keeps a grocery shop in Akeman Street has organised a group of householders willing to help cook for neighbours while the alterations were carried out. 64 01 25b & c

1964 09 15

The first stage of Cambridge's Inner Relief Road would comprise twin-carriageways starting with a roundabout at Murkett's Corner, on the junction of Huntingdon and Histon Roads. The planned road goes southward through the Rex Cinema site, leaving space for the proposed law courts near Shire Hall. As it approaches Chesterton Road there will be a flyover to take the main traffic flow over a roundabout. Then there would be a new bridge over the Cam before it crosses Jesus Green parallel to Park Parade. A subway will give access under the road to Jesus Green. 64 09 15

1965 12 07

Histon Road building land surprises agents – 65 12 07a

1967 05 19

Histon Road new Esso petrol station has showroom and servicing facilities – 67 05 19

1968 03 08

McManus, London-based building firm terminating Cambridge interests because of attitude of local planners; selling 6-acre building site off Histon Road – 68 03 08b

1969 03 19

Front of McManus estate on Histon Road, which has been derelict for several years, is to be developed; new firm hopes to start work on 63-house estate – 69 03 19a

1970

1970 11 10

Granta Tyres buy old Granary building in Histon Road – 70 11 10

1972 05 15

The story-book world of Bambi the baby deer came to Gilbert Road, Cambridge, yesterday when Mr Roy Wing looked over his garden fence. He couldn't believe his eyes. A small, brown, bright-eyed young deer was sitting calmly among the foliage in his neighbour's garden at 142 Gilbert Road in the middle of suburban Cambridge, many miles from the known haunts of deer, p11

1972 07 28

With Murkett Bros' move to new premises in Histon Road on Tuesday, Cambridge will shortly lose a familiar landmark. The Huntingdon-based firm's motor car showrooms and offices at the corner of Huntingdon Road and Histon Road is to be demolished and a million-gallon-a-year petrol service station built in its place. Murkett's sold their prime corner city centre site to Chevron Oil (U.K.) earlier this year. Chevron consider the purchase of the old showrooms a coup. "With a traffic count of around 40,000 cars a day at this junction, it is a prime site equal to some of the best in London", said a spokesman

1972 09 16

Cambridge City Council have halted the demolition of some of their old prefab bungalows at Histon Road while officials find out if they could be used for housing Ugandan Asians. The bungalows, which were built shortly after the Second World War as temporary homes, are being demolished to make way for a large council houses and flats development. A few of the buildings are still occupied but the tenants are due to move shortly.

1973 07 05

Emergency hospital treatment had to be given to 11 people after a drum of poisonous chemical spilled on to the roadway at one of Cambridge's busiest junctions as the afternoon rush hour started. The chemical spilled when the drum containing ethyl acrylate split open after falling from a lorry at the Huntingdon Road - Histon Road corner. Immediately the air, in spite of a strong breeze was pungent with the smell of the liquid. The police and fire brigade were called to deal with the problem. The drama, which led ultimately to the total ban of traffic at the junction began at 3.10pm, by 6pm the acrylate was safely loaded on to a sand covered trailer, then in convoy with two fire tenders and police cars it was taken at less than 10 mph the seven miles to the Royal Engineer's airfield at Waterbeach

1974 06 04

The site of the Co-operative laundry in Cambridge, which closed at Easter, is now up for sale. The company bought the site in Histon Road during the last war and began operations in 1941. At their peak 100 people worked there compared to the 60 at the time of their closure. "The problem was getting staff. It was terrible," said the Chief executive. They are keeping open three shops at Histon Road, Arbury Court and Mill Road 74 06 04

1976 03 15

The possible closure to through traffic of Arbury Road, Cambridge, will be discussed by the city council. Some councillors have been pressing for years for the road closure as a way of improving the environment for people living in the Arbury area. The road is, at peak periods, one of the busiest in Cambridge with commuter traffic. The suggestions are certain to cause a storm of protest. The main

objection will centre round the claim that a lot more traffic would be pushed on to the already busy Gilbert Road.

1978 06 21

Some Cambridge colleges are threatening to ban visitors because this year's greatly increased numbers of tourists are causing problems. It is important to provide a permanent tourist coach park somewhere near the main tourist centre. A report says the best site would be on common and allotment land next to the News building on Newmarket Road. But some councillors think the ideal place would be in the vicinity of the railway station, at Saxon Street car park or on derelict land at the corner of Histon Road and Victoria Road.

1979 07 27

Cambridge's most modern squash club on Histon Road already has 300 members but is looking for another 150 to bring it up to the target envisaged by the local businessmen who have made the £150,000 project a reality. There are four courts, one with a glass back wall for safe viewing, a bar and large clubroom where they intend to provide light refreshments and real ale. They also hope to provide a variety of social functions catering for all the family and to meet the needs of both 'town and gown' by providing excellent playing and social facilities.

1980

1981 12 31

Simons House, the Histon Road sheltered housing for the elderly, and the nearby Rackham Close bungalows have won a major Housing Design Award. The scheme was judged to provide 'most agreeable homes for elderly people' and many of the residents agree. Mrs Bertha Kent described it 'as a lovely little place', Daisy Woodcock says it's very friendly and John Manning thinks 'it's really ideal'. 81 12 31a

1983 08 30

Four major car parks on the outskirts of Cambridge linked to the city centre by a frequent park-and-ride bus service are suggested in a new report aimed at sorting out the city's traffic tangles. They are on fields at Barton Road, a small piece of disused land between the bypass interchange at Histon Road, allotment land near Newmarket Road cemetery and the old Cattle Market site at Cherryhinton Road. It also proposes extensive residents-only parking schemes with a tightening-up of long-term parking in the city centre. 83 08 30 p1

1984 02 03

A £1 million scheme is being planned for 100 Cambridge council houses in the Akeman Street and Darwin Drive areas because a 'modernisation' project carried out 20 years ago has gone wrong. Prefabricated units, constructed mainly of wood and plastic were installed as a quick way of bringing the houses up to standard, but they have deteriorated badly. Now ten houses in Darwin Drive maybe pulled down to make space for flats suitable for old people or those in need of sheltered accommodation. 84 02 03 p15

1985 01 07

The concept of a Green Belt around Cambridge was first put forward in the issued in 1949. Since it was last reviewed pressure has grown for certain parts to be declassified. One area is the Histon Road allotments site: some has been developed with council housing and now the County Council wants the rest removed from the Green Belt so it can be considered as suitable for redevelopment in the years ahead. A piece of the extensive acreage of Clay Farm, Trumpington, is also suitable for declassification say the planners. But 500 organisation have objected to the proposals. 85 01 07b & c

1985 09 17

The Green Belt around Cambridge was designed to protect the area from development and to preserve large areas of open space between villages. Now County planners want to release land to make way for the city to breathe including 70 acres at Trumpington, Histon Road allotments and the University

Farm in Huntingdon Road. They say this would not mean developers' lorries moving in. Nearly 500 organisations objected at an Inquiry but the County are pleased with the result which backs most of their proposals. 85 09 17 a b c

1986 01 22

A lollipop patrol crisis is posing a road safety risk to Cambridge youngsters. Three city schools have been left without crossing patrols after staff have left but the County Council has run into major problems recruiting people to take their place. They have advertised and put notices in shop windows appealing for unemployed housewives or active pensioners able to spare ten hours a week for pay of £2.13 an hour. The principal worry is at Mayfield School as children of junior and infant age need to cross the extremely busy Histon Road. 86 01 22a

1986 10 24

Cambridge councillors have changed their minds about the future of council-owned allotment land at Histon Road. They had wanted Green Belt protection on the 33-acre site which would prevent any form of development from taking place there. However 11 acres are derelict and could be reserved for possible housing schemes and recreational use. But any hypermarket development there would mean the death of the shopping centre at Arbury Court and should be blocked. 86 10 24

1986 10 28

The Council is undertaking its biggest renovation to wipe out some of Cambridge's worst living conditions. After 15 years the damp-prone bathroom 'pods' stuck on to brick kitchens will be removed from Darwin Drive, Akeman Street, Stretton Avenue and other streets. The modernisation programme will transform pokey 50-year-old homes into spacious, modern accommodation. There will be a new bedroom and bathroom, fully-fitted kitchen, central heating and new windows. Residents who move out for the 20 weeks of renovation can claim a disturbance allowance of several hundred pounds. 86 10 28a

1987 03 24

Store giant Sainsbury's has announced plans for a superstore on the Arbury Camp site, creating more than 300 jobs. The supermarket could occupy a six-acre site closest to the interchange between the Northern Bypass and Histon Road. It would have a petrol station, coffee shop and parking for 500 cars. There would also be a park-and-ride site. This would be part of a mixed development of retail and research areas with a large ornamental lake. An Inspector has recommended that the site be taken out of the belt because it made a minimal contribution to the special character of Cambridge. But planners have so far disagreed 87 03 24

1987 04 14

Frederick Moore is retiring from the company he started over 50 years ago. After some initial work at Oakington he moved to the present Histon Road site in 1937 where most of the work involved re-boring car engines. Extensions were built in the early '50s and late '60s when the workforce climbed to 36-strong. Now one of Cambridge's oldest engineering firms, it carries out general motor engineering and machine tool-grinding. The business has been bought by Griffin Machine Tools of Keighley, Yorkshire who may build a new workshop on the site 87 04 14

1987 11 04

The family-run small works roofing and plumbing company of TR Freeman began trading from a terraced house in Histon Road in 1887. Their early customers were Cambridge colleges who demanded an exacting standard of work on superb buildings and companies in the Freeman Group still work for them, fulfilling the need for traditional skills using traditional materials. The firm has expanded into an internationally operating combine with a workforce of more than 300. Now celebrating its centenary, it is shortly to move into new corporate headquarters on the outskirts of Cambridge 87 11 04

1988 08 03

A giant new housing estate may be built on allotments on the corner of King's Hedges and Histon Roads. About 30 acres could be used for housing with the remainder turned over to recreational use. In the past proposals to build have resulted in shoals of complaints from allotment holders but much of the land is disused and the allotments could be consolidated on a much smaller plot elsewhere. However the City council have no intention of making the site available for a new regional college for 16-19 years old as is being considered by the County council. 88 08 03

1989 01 19

Land on Histon Road fenced off to prevent travellers – 89 01 19b

1989 03 09

Cambridge Tyre Company, which celebrates its 60th anniversary, has a number of early tyres in stock. They include an American Swineheart tyre for a Model T Ford and a beaded edge Michelin from the same period. Ernest Brown founded the company in 1929 based in a small shop in Jesus Lane when many tyres were of solid construction. By 1935 they'd moved to Burleigh Street when tyres were fitted at the side of the road and in 1964 took over premises owned by Winston Smith the butcher in Histon Road. 89 03 09a

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The closure of W & G. Taylor is the latest in a line of small stores squeezed from the city centre by rocketing rents. Two other men's outfitters, Ropers and Bodgers closed this summer. Another famous shop which closed six years ago in the face of mounting rent and rates was Bacons in Market Street. The Parsley Pot in Lion Yard, Cambridge Fine Jewels of Emmanuel Street and upmarket furnishers, Johns left their Bridge Street premises for Histon Road last year blaming the traffic chaos and high parking charges 89 12 15

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Leisure facilities plan including ice-skating, roller skating and ten-pin bowling at Histon Road may be shelved – 90 09 18